TITUSVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER, 2001

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Bud Hughes K4CWG

Sherry and I hope that everyone had a good Thanksgiving. We all have so much to be thankful for and sometimes we tend to overlook our many blessings.

Warren W4CEL has suggested that the club replace as necessary the light fixtures in the Jaycee Building. The lighting inside the building is very poor and has been a subject of discussion for too long. I plan to ask the Board of Directors to approve and present to the club and get permission to finance the replacement of the light fixtures as necessary.

The Orlando Hamfest is just around the corner. My recommendation is that the club purchase a table for the event. The club would be reimbursed by members placing their items for sale on the table and if the item sells then a donation from the seller be made to the club for use of the table. Of course the club table always provides a rendezvous for club members and their friends.

To the officers and board members who have served the club during the year 2001, I extend my sincere thanks. To the newly elected officers and board members, welcome and congratulations. I look forward to working with you during the upcoming year. To Ralph, AE4LE - the club's new board member - welcome. With Ralph's experience and expertise, he will be a great asset to the club board.

Best wishes to all for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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NOV. 01 KE4BBK ORA PROSSER
NOV. 04 CARL HUGHES
NOV. 09 KE4GOQ MIKE HADDAD
NOV. 11 W5RAQ RON RICHARDSON
NOV. 14 KC4SYD CLIFF HOAG
NOV. 16 WA9ERC WILLIAM KNOPP
NOV. 21 KF4VAK MARY TYNER
NOV. 22 AE4LE RALPH HALL
NOV. 25 AA4HP HANK PHILLIPS
NOV. 26 KD4HNW KEN DENMAN
NOV. 26 KC4HIO RICHARD SWEATT
NOV. 27 KR4HS GEORGE SMITH
DEC. 01 WB4ZUZ THERESA VALEK
DEC. 02 NE4XT BILL DIMEO
DEC. 07 KU4ZO SHERRY HUGHES
DEC. 08 WN4YKC DAN HATFIELD
DEC. 09 KC4VIO JOSE RAMOS
DEC. 10 W4AHM ALAN MARSDEN
DEC. 11 KB4BHS GLENN LEE
DEC. 11 KU4NR CHUCK MANION
DEC. 12 AF4N WES WHITLEY
DEC. 18 AC4DY TOM BURNS
DEC. 20 KE4MWY DAN CHYCOTA
DEC. 20 KE4WWO MATTIE ADAMS
DEC. 20 KF4QIP MICHAEL ALBRO
DEC. 24 N4SCY OZZIE OSBAND
DEC. 28 KB4ETY BRUCE HUNTER

FAR SCHOLARSHIPS

The Foundation For Amateur Radio, Inc., a non-profit organization with headquarters in Washington, DC, plans to administer sixty-two (62) scholarships for the academic year 2002-2003 to assist licensed Radio Amateurs. The Foundation, composed of over seventy-five local area Amateur Radio Clubs, fully funds seven of these scholarships with the income from grants and its annual Hamfest. The remaining fifty-five (55) are administered by the Foundation without cost to the various donors.

Licensed Radio Amateurs may compete for these awards if they plan to pursue a full-time course of studies beyond high school and are enrolled in or have been accepted for enrollment at an accredited university, college or technical school. The awards range from $500 to $2500 with preference given in some cases to residents of specified geographical areas or the pursuit of certain study programs. Clubs, especially those in Delaware, Florida, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin, are encouraged to announce these opportunities at their meetings, in their club newsletters, during training classes, on their nets and on their world wide web home pages.

Additional information and an application form may be requested by letter or QSL card, postmarked prior to April 20, 2002 from:

FAR Scholarships
PO Box 831
Riverdale, MD 20738

IT SEEMS TO US
From Nov. QST

WE ARE NOT ALONE

The day dawned perfectly in the northeastern United States. It was the sort of late summer morning that heralds the imminent arrival of that most glorious of seasons: autumn, with its iridescent foliage and crispness in the air that makes the drawing of every breath a pure delight. It was a great day to be alive.

At 8:48 AM all that changed. The world changed, probably forever.

There is no need to describe here the horrific events of that second Tuesday morning in September, not that mere words possibly could. The images are burned into our minds and will stay with us as long as we live.

For those who lost loved ones the void can never be filled. For the rest of us, time may take some of the edge off the pain. Passing years may cause us to forget how helpless we felt as we experienced a chain of catastrophes unprecedented in American history, utterly incapable of knowing when or whether they would end. This may happen, but for now it seem impossible. Nothing, it seems, can ever be the same.

The attack occurred on American soil, but it was not simply a national tragedy. We now know that it was an international tragedy, with people from more than 60 countries and every major faith tradition counted among its victims. But in the first moments of that terrible morning it was natural for Americans to feel isolated from the rest of the world. Our own jetliners, symbols of American technological prowess, had been turned against us. If we could not even trust our own mechanical creations, who and what could we trust? Were we alone in a world that suddenly had turned unimaginably hostile?

The answers soon began to arrive. Here in Newington they came in the form of emailed messages of condolence and support from radio amateurs throughout the world that began to arrive that very same morning, first in a trickle but soon as a flood. They came from our sister societies and individuals in countries as diverse as Japan, Madagascar, Germany, Turkey, Iceland, Egypt, Suriname, Lebanon, Oman, Pakistan, Syria, Yugoslavia, Hong Kong and dozens of others. Some shared their stories of why the United States occupied a special place in their hearts. Stories of great sacrifices made by GIs, of aid given when it was most needed after World War II, or simply of kindness shown by an individual American that reflected the best values of our open society. Thanks to the thoughtfulness of our unique, global Amateur Radio fraternity, before that awful day had ended we were privileged to know what many Americans would not discover until later in the week. We are not alone. The entire civilized world shares our grief and our outrage.

Less than a lifetime ago the United States and its allies were fighting a two-ocean war against ruthless, implacable enemies. Today we count these former enemies among our closest friends. Some of the first messages offering comfort and support came from countries that experienced their own brush with the Apocalypse delivered by American bombers. Their friendship today did not spring from defeat and subjugation. Rather, it sprouted from seeds planted by what Tom Brokaw calls The Greatest Generation - my father's generation, the generation that not only won the war but equally importantly also won the peace. Will my own generation do as well? Decades from now, will our children and grandchildren live in a world where today's enemies are friends? Or will they be forced to retreat into armed camps, suspicious of differences, unable to know the wondrous diversity the world has to offer?

As the war on terrorism is launched it is difficult to hold such lofty thoughts for long. The wounds are too fresh and too deep. Living one day at a time is challenge enough. Yet, as radio amateurs we can at least do this much. As the terrorists and their few sympathizers look for evidence that the civilized world is tearing itself apart, let them draw no comfort from what they hear on the ham bands. We are communicators. Let us communicate our resolve that the world must remain united in the face of terrorism. Let us communicate our respect for one another across the boundaries of nationality, religion, cultural background, and the other myriad ways society seeks to group us. Let us communicate our desire to increase our understanding of one another.

And let us remember the radio amateurs who died on that terrible Tuesday morning. Even as we look with hope toward the future, we know that our fraternity is the poorer for their loss.
David Sumner, K1ZZ

We regret to report that the following Amateur Radio operators are listed among those missing from the World Trade Center and Pentagon disasters:

Steven A. "Steve" Jacobson, N2SJ, 53, of NYC
William V. "Bill" Steckman, WA2ACW of West Hempstead, NY
Michael G. Jacobs, AA1GO, 54, an ARRL member from Danbury, CT
Robert D. "Bob" Cirri, Sr., KA2OTD, 39, and ARRL member from Nutley, NJ. A Port Authority police officer, Bob was helping to evacuate workers from the building when it collapsed.
William R. "Bill" Ruth, W3HRD, of Mt. Airy, Maryland, who died in the Pentagon attack.
Gerard J. "Rod" Coppola, KA2KET, 46, of NYC
Winston A. Grant, KA2DRF, 59, of West Hempstead, NY

CORRESPONDENCE
From November QST

As he toured "Ground Zero," the site of the World Trade Center in New York, United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan spoke for many when he said, "This is not just an attack on New York or the United States but on the whole world." Those sentiments are underscored by the outpouring of support we at ARRL Headquarters received in the aftermath of the events of September 11. A representative sample of the messages received from abroad follows:

My family and I as well as all the hams in Germany will stand by your side in solidarity in the struggle against terrorism. I think it is good to know that numerous hams all over the world are in thoughts with you in this darkest hour of America.
Today, I am 60 years old and I will always remember our GIs who gave me at the end of World War II in 1945 the first chocolate in my life as a present. Still today I want to express my thanks for this.
My wife and I will also always remember that it was your people who made it possible (Marshall Plan and Care Package) that we as schoolchildren got a warm lunch every day from 1945 onwards.
I visit your country very often and I know about the great freedom and how beautiful your country is. May the Lord protect you and your country.
Manfred, DL4DKM

I, on behalf of all the members of the Egypt Amateur Radio Assembly (EARA) and all Egyptian families, deeply express our condolences for the victims and their family and all the US people. This event is not only the disaster of the US, but of mankind in the 21st century. We strongly condemn this terrorism!. *Mohamed El Kafrawi, SU1KM, General Secretary of the Egypt Amateur Radio Assembly*

On this very sad occasion marking the recent disastrous terrorist attacks on the symbol of democracy and human civilization of the 21st century, we express our most heartfelt feelings of sorrow and sadness and extend our support to the great nation of USA. We have forwarded to you the enclosed letter which we have written in Arabic, our native language, to ensure that our feelings are profoundly presented as they occur in the depth of our hearts. *Mohamed Abbas Al-Holi, 9K2DR, Manager, Kuwait Amateur Radio Society.*

I want to express our deepest regret about the tragic incidents. Please accept our sincere condolences for the nation of the United States of America. We all deeply condemn this ugly terrorist attack. May God have His Blessings and Mercy on all victims. *Azie Sasa TA1E*

Please accept our deepest sympathy for the terrible tragedy of the American people. Our thoughts are with you. *Dimiter Petrov, LZ21AF, President, The LZCW Club*

CORRESPONCENCE
November QSL

LOGBOOK OF THE WORLD

Now that ARRL has their own electronic QSL system in place or about to be launched, I can't help but wonder how much longer it will be until the art and tradition of QSLing will be lost.

Don't get me wrong...I am not trying to be "anti-technology" here. I love being able to access info that only a few years ago would have required a trip to the library. E-mail, games, research, etc. are all fantastic. (This letter is submitted electronically.) But do we really need to take away one of the last vestiges of human interaction? I know that some will say "you can still do it if you want....," but like any other "commodity", how long will it be until electronic QSLs will be ALL you can get?

Before, getting certain awards meant that you made a certain amount of QSOs, exchanged QSL cards and made your application. It didn't require any special equipment or access. Electronic QSLs will now MANDATE (eventually) the ownership of a computer, access to the net and the prerequisite software, not to mention a printer and the consumables that go with it.

Let's not lose that personal contact that binds ALL amateurs worldwide together. *Steve Robeson, K4YZ, Dunlap, TN*

During the afternoon of August 24, after hearing a Philadelphia 6 meter beacon, I made a blind call on 50.125 MHz, KN4SM responded with, "Long time no hear, welcome back." Who was this and how did he know me, if he really did?

Because KN4SM was once WA2CJK. (I'm sure glad I didn't get a vanity call!) Jerry worked me as his first North Dakota 2 meter contact, as did many others during the late 60s and early 70s. Jerry was my first complete 2 meter meteor scatter contact (8/10/69). I was Kelly, then K2YAZ, his brother's first 2 meter ND contact (4/22/70) as well. I have both cards and they are where they have been since I received them 32 and 31 years ago in a plastic display sleeve side by side, my 5th and 6th state worked on 2 meters from ND.

I had missed that he was once WA2CJK, until we exchanged e-mails the following weekend. It was real. We all had known each other in the late 60s and early 70s while being active in Central States VHF Society. Since then I have even located an audio tape of the 30 plus second meteor burst that we worked on.

Even 8 watts and a dipole can take one far farther than we know anytime we push that mike button. 5 miles, 500 miles, 5000 miles or 30 years, it can make time travel possible. *Bill Davis, Jr., K0AWU*

ABELL'S ANECDOTES
By Pike Abell W4EPU

At least 10 times during an evening of TV, commercial pharmaceutical advertisers will be heard saying "Ask your doctor". Some of those commercials are quiet convincing. In fact, that and dietary articles I have been reading almost convinces me that one only needs doctors to write prescriptions. Sometimes not even then. Because according to the advertisers non-prescription drugs can be very effective. The claim "Citrical" for example, prevents osteoporosis which is often crippling to the elderly. Also, they claim there is a new vitamin, with a fancy name which slips my memory, prevents Macular Degeneration, an eye disease which almost always causes blindness in elderly people.

The following information is contained in articles written by a well-known writer who is an expert on food and medicine:

Spinach is so full of vitamins and antioxidants, including lutein, that it is a whole body "superfood" protecting the arteries, eyes, bones and brain.
Onions can reduce the risk of lung cancer.
Blueberries promote good brain functions and motor coordination as you age.
A daily glass of orange juice cuts the risk of strokes by 25%.
Brewed tea (from bags or loose tea), has amazing power to help discourage strokes, heart attack and neurological damage.
Salmon or sardines are rich is fatty Omega-3, which are essential for joints, brain, heart and lungs. Eating fatty fish slashes fatal heart attacks by 44%. While walnuts and almonds fight heart disease, cancer and obesity. Actually, any kind of tree nuts can cut the risk of heart disease by 50%. (Notice that items in this paragraph alone reduces heart problems by 94%). In a clinical test a high-fiber vegetable grain diet. Including 2-3 ounces of nuts daily lowered bad LDL cholesterol 30% in a week.
Canned chickpeas curb sharp blood sugar rises.
Canned tomatoes reduce heart diseases, cancer, and age related decline.
Eating brown rice prolongs life and helps prevent chronic heart diseases, diabetes, and obesity.
Oats protects the heart, boosts immunity and curbs high blood pressure.
Prunes top all fruits and vegetables for antioxidant activity.
Mixed fresh greens is an important staple in prolonging life.
Balsamic vinegar curbs blood sugar boosts from carbs.
Garlic adds antioxidant to the diet.
73s es 88s

THOUGHTS TO LIVE BY

Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.

Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.

If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

If you lend someone $20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.

Never buy a car you can't push.

Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you don't have a leg to stand on.

Never try to teach a pig to sing. It wastes your time and annoys the pig.

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER MINUTES
By Becky Lee, KF4HTB

OCTOBER: After the usual opening ceremonies, Bud K4CWG talked about the Jacksonville Hamfest and told the members that a convoy was being formed to go to Jacksonville. If you want to be a part of this convey contact Bud.

Ken KD4HNW told the club that the north end repeater is ready to be activated as soon as a controller is available. Pike K4EPU made a motion that the club purchase a controller and 2 lightening arresters. The motion was seconded and carried and the equipment will be purchased and installed.

Bud asked Pike to head the nominating committee and reminded everyone to be sure to come out and vote at the November meeting.

Bill Eppley W2SDB played Happy Birthday on his harmonica.

Clara KE4YQL and Pike W4EPU are in charge of the Christmas party and have obtained a room at the Knights of Columbus building on Saturday December 8. They need to have at least 80 people. Cost of the meal is $9.50. The membership voted to go ahead with these plans.

During the program part of the meeting, Ozzie N4SCY talked about Windows XP and pointed out some of the problems in it.

NOVEMBER: Shawn from the Jaycees asked for the club's help again this year with the Christmas Parade.

Doors open at 6:30 at the Knights of Columbus for the club Christmas party.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to the election of officers. Pike and Clara did their usual efficient handling of the election. The outgoing officers were reelected for another year. We have the same Board of Directors with one exception. Ralph Hall AE4LE was elected to the Board to replace Anthony Hurkala KG4CEB.

TREASURERS REPORT
By Becky Lee, KF4HTB

Balance forward from 2000	$4324.14
Deposits Year to Date	4563.35
TOTAL INCOME	**$8887.49**
Expenditures	4138.79
BALANCE AS AT 11/30/01	**$4748.70**

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Bud Hughes, K4CWG. 269-0779
V.Pres: Ozzie Osband, N4SCY. 321-LIFTOFF
Sec/Treas: Becky Lee, KF4HTB, 267-9375

ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Pat Renninger, KF4LTY. 267-9431
John Renninger, KE4ZPA. 267-9431
Ralph Hall AE4LE
Sherry Hughes, KU4ZO. 269-0779

REPEATER CUSTODIAN BOARD MEMBERS

Les Griner, K4SJC (146.91) 267-1565
Warren Murray, W4CEL (146.97) 638-5476
Dave McLean, WB4SIG (444.15) 267-6181
Larry Carr, WB9MFJ (Packet-Rose Node) 268-4114

CLUB INFORMATION

Meetings: Monthly on 4th Tuesday at 1900 hrs. at Jaycee Building

Newsletter Editors: KF4HTB Becky Lee
K4EOS Clyde Lee

Nets: **VIP**-Thursdays at 1000 hrs. 146.910
Friendship-Thursdays at 1830 hrs. 146.910
Mosquito-Wednesdays at 1900 hrs. 28.333
Traders-Mondays at 2000 hrs 146.910

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Total membership: 220 (151 regular, 51 family, 12 honorary, 6 other)

NEW MEMBERS: None

RENEWALS:

AF4DP BERNIE FLANAGAN
KF4ECM JIM LATHROP
KF4MXF LINDA LATHROP
N9EZV KEN TENDICK
N9FAB LORRAINE TENDICK
KD4HNW KEN DENMAN
KF4KUN SAMUEL DENMAN
AC4KU ALAN SANFORD
KC4ZAH JEWEL SANFORD
KE4MWY DAN CHYCOTA
KF4FEZ GAIL CHYCOTA
WA0VED JIM WOODRING
KG4IMO JASON WOODRING
KG4AHL JEANNIE WOODRING
WB4PXO JIM MORGAN
KF4SEK NICHOLAS GRAY
KF4VRR DONALD PATTEN
AC4WM MITCH MATHENY

HAMFESTS:

	11/24	OKEECHOBEE
	12/01-2	PALMETTO
	12/08	LAKE CITY
	01/12	FT. MYERS
	01/26	ARCADIA
	02/2-3	MIAMI
	02/9-10	ORLANDO
	02/16	SEBRING
	02/23	ZEPHYRHILLS
	03/2	NEW PORT RICHEY